(ii) The Govt. have appointed Umpires to resolve disputes on outstandings as between coal companies and Electricity Boards.

(iii) Govt. have decided to deduct upto 15 per cent of the Central Plan Assistance of concerned States in order to settle dues outstanding against public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Power, Railways, Coal and Atomic Energy.

Workers participation in the management in units of coal industry

2026. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to tate:

a) whether workers' participation in nanagement scheme has been implemented in all public sector units of coal industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether production has increased ifter implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The scheme of workers' participation in management of public sector coal companies is broadly in conformity with the scheme of 1983 notified by the Government in so far as it relates to the levels of participation, subjects to be included for discussion and the method of arriving at a decision;

The joint participative consultative fora have been operating at the following levels:

(i) Corporate level

(ii) Subsidiary companies

(a) Company level

(b) Area level

(c) Colliery level

At corporate level:

All Policy matters relating wages and service conditions of employees, production productivity, cost, health, welfare, safety and all such policy matters which may have a direct bearing on the industry.

At other than corporater level:

Production, productivity, cost, heolth, welfare, safety and employees' grievances which may be raised from time to time.

(c) and (d) The partocipative approach to management at the area level and colliery level has made a basic contribution towards reduction in mandays lost due to strikes bandhs, etc. and has helped in the improvement of industrial relations climate in the organisation. These in turn have contributed to overall increase in production and productivity, as per details given below:—

	1995-96	1996-97 (Prov.)
Production (M.T.)	237.05	250.65
Output per man-shift (tonnes)	1.75	1.82

World Bank aided projects in coal mining

2027. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the areas for which there have been World Bank aided projects in Coal mining/industry since 1980;

(b) the project-wise aids, time frame for completion of projects, actual time taken and actual utilisation of aids;

(c) whether any performance budget have been prepared for these projects; if so, the actual benefits accrued to coal sector and the nation on account of these projects, vis-a-vis original benefits contemplated;

(d) if not, reasons thereof and whether there is no such stipulation in project conditions; and

(e) the latest status of non-utilisation of project-wise funds, with reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The details of World Bank aided Projects in the coal mining industry since 1980 are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of Poject	Amount of loan/ credit (in US $ million)	Time frame for utilisation of loan for the projects	Actual time taken	Actual utilisation (in US $ million)
1.	Dudhichua OCP in NCL	109.00	9 yrs.	9 yrs.	100.20
2.	Block-II OCP in BCCL	57.70	8 yrs.	8 yrs.	55.30
3.	Gevra OCP in SECL	64.92	9 yrs.	9 yrs.	56.94
4.	Sonepur-Bazari OCP in ECL . .	97.86	9 yrs.	9 yrs.	93.55
5.	Jharia Mine Fire Control Technical Assistance Poject in BCCL	12.00	4 yrs.	4 yrs.	8.12 up to 30-6-97 (Loan Closing date is 30-9-97
6.	Coal Sector Envionmental & Social Mitigation Project covering different mines in MCL, SECL, WCL, CCL and NCL . . .	63.00	5 yrs.	On going Projects Sanctioned in 1996-97	

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Details in regard to achievement of the completed projects are given below.—

Project	Benefit contemplated
1	2	3
1.	Dudhichua Coal Project . .	(i) Assist in developing large scale opencast coal mines in Singrauli Coalfields to accelerate thermal coal production. (ii) Train personnel of NCL pnd CIL in the State-of art opencast and mine planning techniques. —This has been achieved.
2.	Block-II OCP	Increase the supply of coking coal to the steel sector —This has been achieved partly because of the resettle ment problems, mine fires and necessity of working at the deeper coal seam.
3.	Gevra OCP	Increase the supply of thermal coal. —Objective has been achieved.

1	2	3
4.	Sonepur Bazari OCP . .	To improve the quality and to increase the supply of thermal coal. —Though delayed due to l nd acpuisition problems, objective has been mostly achieved.
5.	Jharia Mine Fire Control Thechnical Assistance Project. . .	To develop a fire fighhting progpmme and to prepare environmental management plan of the Jharia Coalfields. —O ijcetive has been achieved.
6.	Coal Sector Environmental and Social Mitigation Project. . .	To make coal production environmentally and socially more sustainble. —The project is on going.

(e)

Project	Amount in US $ million not utilised	Reasons for non-utilisation
Dudhichua OCP in NCL . .	8.80	Project completed at less cost. Loan Closed.
Block-II OCP in BCCL .	2.40	Project completed at less cost. Loan Closed.
Gevra OCP in SECL . . .	7.93	Projecte completd at less coast. Loan Closed.
Sonepur-Bazari OCP in ECL	4.31	Project completed at less cost Loan Closed.
Jharia Mine Fire Control Technical Assistance Project in BCCL .	3.83 (as on June, 1997)	Project completed at less cost. Loan Closing date is 30-9-97. Completion cost is likely to be within 8.80 US $ million.
Coal Sector Environmental & Social Mitigation Project covering different mines in MCL, SECL, WCL, CCL and NCL.		Ongoing Project. Sanctioned only in 1996-97.

Helicopters hired by North East Coal Fields

2028. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times North East Coal Fields Limited had hired plane/helicopter from Coal India Limited or other Organisations viz., Pawan Hons, SAIL, ONGC, Defence etc. for carrying persons or its officials at different places during the last five years;

(b) the urgency and purposes of hiring the planes/helicopters for the aforesaid journeys, if so, details thereof;

(c) the destinations and the expenses incurred on these journeys; and

(d) the details of the names of the individuals travelled during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) As per records maintained by North East Coalfields,